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1 Argentine Republic, 1888, 50c., b. strip of four
2 Austria, 1883,50 kr. violet,unused,gum soaked off.
3 Barbadoes, 1871, 1sh., black, small star, unused, full gum.
4 Bermuda, 1874, 3p. on 1sh. green, plain letters, unused, gummed.
5 Br. Guiana, 1863, official, 12c. lilac, perf., trimmed right side.
6 Br. Honduras, 1888, 50c. on 1 sh., grey, Scott 691, unused, gummed.
7 Br. North Borneo, 1885, 50c., violet,fine specimen.
8 Canada, 1851, 3d. red, laid paper, fine margins.
9 " 1852, 3d. red, wove paper, 2 pairs, vertical and horizontal, both fine.
10 " 1852, 3d. red, soft ribbed paper, fine.
11 " 1857, ½d. unp., soft ribbed paper, heavily cancelled, slight tear, rare.
12 " 1858, ½d. pink, perforated, mended one corner, otherwise fine.
13 " 1858, ½d. pink, perforated, small tear, otherwise fine.
14 " 1858, ½d. perf , fine in every respect.
15 " 1870, 3c. red, laid paper, fine.
16 " 1870, 3c. red, wa ermarked.
17 " 1870, 1c red brown, watermarked.
18 " 1888, 10c. pink, ribbed paper, rare.
19 " 1860, 5c. envel. stamp, pen cancelled, cut a little close.
20 " 1860, 5c., env. stamp, cut squa e, cancelled rather heavily.
21 " 1860, 5c. env. entire, unused, cream paper, beautiful.
22 " 1860, 5c env. entire, used, white paper, very rare, stamp lightly cancelled.
23 " 1860, 5c. env. entire, used, white paper, very rare, fine.
24 " 1860, 10c , env. entire, unused, fine.
25 " 1858, 3 pence, perf , lightly postmarked.
26 " 1870, 3c. red, watermarked.
27 " 1851, 12 pence, proof, marked "specimen," very fine.
28 " Canada Pacific Railway franks, 1887, '89, '90, '91, small tear in one.
29 Cape of Good Hope, 1853, 1d , 4d., 6d., the 1 and 6 are extra fine.
30 Cape of Good Hope, 1853, 1 sh., emerald green, good specimen, cut close to pattern at one corner.
31 Dominica, 1882, ½d on half of 1d., lilac, unsevered pair, both halves.
32 Ecuador, 1866, 4 reales red, arms in oval,close cut.
33 French Colonies, St., Pierre Miquelon, 1885, 5c. on 2c. brown, on buff, inverted surcharge, rare.
34 French Colonies, French Guiana, "Avril 1887," 0.20c. on 35c. buff, unused.
35 " Honduras,1878,entire sets,unused, 8 sets,
36 Jamaica 1890, official ½d. surcharged "L. officia" and "Fficial," used.
37 Jamacia, 1890, official, ½d. surcharge inverted.
38 Madeira, 1874, 240r. mauve, tear of half an inch, small piece missing at one corner, rare.
39 Mauritius, 1860, 4d. rose, no watermark, nice specimen.
40 " 1878, 2 r. 50c. on 5sh. mauve, unused, full gum, very fine.
41 " 1878, 2 r. 50c., on 5sh , mauve, used, perforation missing at one corner.
42 " 1878, 50c. on 1sh green, 1880, 38c , violet, both unused, full gum, very fine.
43 N. S. Wales, 1862, registered watermark, double 6, perforations trimmed on 2 sides, other, wise very fine.
44 New Zealand, 1882, 10 shill fiscal red brown- postally used.
45 Oldenbu g, 1862, 2 gr. rose env. stamp, cut square, unused.
46 Portuguese Indies, 1881, 4½ reis on 25 reis vi let— unused, gum soaked off.
47 Portuguese Indies, 1881, 4 Tangas on 10 reis green, unused, gum soaked off.
48 Prince Edw. Isl , 1860, 2 pence rose, used, large perforations, scarce.
49 Queensland, 1883, £1 green, used, fine specimen.
50 Roman States, 1852, 1 scudo red, unused.
51 S. Aust·alia, 1872, 9 pence mauve, block of 6, unused, very small tear in one, a beautiful block.
52 S. Australia, 1872, 9 pence mauve, strip of 5, unused, beautiful,
53 " 1887, 2 sh. 6d. lilac and 5 sh. rose, used.
54 " 1887, 5 sh. rose, better specimen than last.
55 " 1887, 10 sh. green, fine specimen.
56 " £1 blue, very fine specimen.
57 S Bulgaria, 1885, 10 paras black and green, unused, fine.
58 Str. Settlements, 1867, 4 cents black surcharge, unused, small piece off one corner.
50 Trinidad, 1859, 4 pence lilac, unused, full gum, fine.
60 Uruguay, 1879, 1 peso blue, 3 specimens on part of original cover.
61 United States, 1847, 10 cent black unsevered pair, pen cancelled, good margins, piece out of side of left s amp ¼ by ½ inch.
62 United States, 1847, 10c. black, unused, cut slightly into pattern on bottom and one side, fine
63 United States, 1861, 5c. yellow, unsevered pair, cancelled rather heavily.
64 United States, 1866, 24 cents mauve, unused, full gum, fine.
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73 United States, 1861, 12 cent brown, buff paper, cut square, unused.
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44 " 5c blue, prov 0 15
‡ 2 COLOMBIA, '59, 5c violet, wove p..... 1 75
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12 '60, 20c blu..... 0 50
16 '61, 5c yellow 1 75
17 " 5c buff 2 10
18 " 10c blue 1 60
19 " 20c red 3 50
22 '62 10c dark blue..... 6 00
23 " 20c red 27 00
24 " 50c green 4 30
26 " 1p lilac, bluish p..... 27 00
27 '63, 5c orange..... 0 60
28 " 10c blue 0 30
31 " 10c blue, blue p 0 80
37 " 50c green 2 20
38 '64 5c orange 0 23
39 " 10c blue 0 16
40 " 20c scarlet 0 53
42 " 1p violet 2 20
45 '65, 5c orange 0 15
‡ 51 " 1p vermilion 1 10
53 '66, 5c orange 0 25
‡‡‡ 56 " 50c green 0 75
‡‡‡ 57 " 1p rose 1 15
58 " 1p vermilion 0 30
60 " 10p vermilion 1 30
61 '68 5c orange..... 0 30
‡‡‡ 62 " 10c lilac 0 17
‡‡‡ 63 " 20c blue 0 28
65 '69 1p rose..... 0 40
‡‡‡ 67 70 5c orange..... 0 14
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‡267 '66, 25c blue p unpaid letter 0 35
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‡330 '77, 5c blk. blue p. registered letter.. 23
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27 '70, 48s. purple and brown..... 20
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‡‡‡ 30 DOMINICAN REP., '80, 20c brown..... 0 30
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34 " 1p gold..... 0 30
42 " 75c blue net work..... 0 25
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STAMP COLLECTING IN ITALY.

By the Author of "The Fight at Dame Europa's School."

It was too late now to bargain for stamps, so the albums were put away, and the conversation, as the story books say, "became general." I never look at stamps by candle-light, and the appearance of Marietta, bearing a picturesque lamp of polished brass with three branches, and as many wicks, halfway down its stem, reminded me that it was safer to postpone negotiations until another day. The lamp was followed by a huge flask of wine cased in straw, a tray of glasses which, even in the dark, could hardly have passed themselves off as clean, and a dozen long black cigars on a broken kitchen plate. Such hospitality was quite touching, and although I declined to make myself ill with a half-penny Virginian, I had much pleasure in drinking the professor's philatelic health in a glass of good boiled Abruzzi wine. By-the-by, would somebody kindly help me to a plausible explanation of that delightful but most mysterious word? For the life of me I cannot see my way to any possible derivation of it at all. The old Greek was a man who was *tax-free*; but how the mere act of affixing a penny postage stamp to the corner of an envelope can be supposed to make a man in any sense exempt from the payment of tribute-money beats my comprehension entirely. It appears to me that he paid his tax when he bought his stamp, proving thereby that he was not tax-free; though, as a matter of fact, it is not Tax at all, but Porterage, which is a different thing entirely. I have no doubt that wiser heads than mine evolved the word, and whether right or wrong it is too late now to change it. Anyhow, it is better than that prince of classical croppers, *Telegram*.

I do not know why they boil the country wine in the Abruzzi, but the operation appears to produce an extremely palatable beverage. I do not mean that the liquor is served hot. With the thermometer at 86°, Heaven forbid! The boiling takes place in the course of manufacture, and the wine is locally known as *vino cotto*.

Signor Giobbini and myself were not destined that evening to bore one another with a tete a tete—an entertainment *a quattro occhi*, as the Italians expressively put it—with four eyes, blazing anger and impatience at each other. I have never been able to endure a lengthened interview with a stranger since I learnt that phrase. Marietta was heard periodically to yell out *chi e* from the passage window, and the opening door admitted one after another a goodly company of the professor's pupils. I fear I must go the length of flattering myself that they had mostly come to stare at *me*. Life in the Abruzzi is so very dull that a foreigner with a red beard is a godsend. Several of the youths brought

their albums, and were evidently bent on doing business. Had I got any triangular Capes, or native Indians? "Ongy-Kongy" was specially in request, and the next favourite appeared to be the current half-crown English—I suppose by reason of its size, as it is certainly not distinguished for its artistic design or beauty. Japans are also popular, but the summit of all felicity to a juvenile Italian collector is a brightly surcharged Peru. I did my best to satisfy their wants in a mild economical way, and received a few Papal States and Tuscans in exchange—cautiously accepting those only which were on a part of their original envelopes. I was just asking the Professor for an explanation of the unaccountable rarity of old Italian stamps in general, when Marietta's war-cry pierced the still air once more, and an individual appeared upon the scene, who, as it presently turned out, was eminently qualified to furnish me with an answer to my question.

The new comer was a Capuchin friar—one of those brown beggars, as a friend of mine in Rome irrevently calls them, as if they were some species of crawling beast or reptile. Excellent fellows they are, no doubt, and a world of good they do; but it never yet had occured to me to contemplate them as insatiable collectors of postage stamps, still less as unlawful monopolists and devastators of the fair field of Philately. Like all the rest, he had come to have a good look at the foreigner, and take his chance of carrying off some British spoil. I gave him a few dozen common English stamps, as quantity seemed to find more favour in his eyes than quality, and he went his way.

"There!" exclaimed the Professor with animation, when the Capuchin's back was turned; "*that* is the reason why old Italian stamps are rare. Ever since the first issue of Modena, Parma, Tuscany, and the Neapolitan and Papal States, these monks have been grabbing, grabbing, grabbing—worrying everbody right and left to collect for them, making every house of business in the nearest city promise to put by for them, and pouncing like wolves upon everything within reach of their greedy fingers. And the nuns are worse than the friars. There is scarcely a bank in Rome or Naples that they have not besieged with requests for all the stamps that are brought to the door. Again and again have I asked some friend in a Public Office to get me one or two high values, which can hardly be got elsewhere, and the answer is always the same—they were promised years and years ago to the Nuns. And when you think how numerous our convents are, and consider that this sort of thing has been going on ever since the first Italian stamps were printed, and remember, too, how short was the reign of the postal system in the smaller Italian States and Duchies, and how limited their correspondence, you can hardly wonder that Tuscans, and Neapolitans, and Romagnas should be so rare."

"But what do they do with them all?" I asked. "The Convents must be full of grand collections. Are any of them for sale?"

"No," replied the Professor, "that is just the point. If they collected in a straightforward legitimate way one would not grudge them what they take so much pains to scrape together. A monk or a nun has clearly as much right to bother his friends for Postage Stamps as any private person. But they do not keep them, and they do not care a fig about them. Here and there you may find a tolerable collection within some Convent walls, just as you may anywhere

else ; but nine-tenths of all the stamps which have been thus persistently seized and hoarded up during all these years are shipped off to Japan, to be sold for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Missions in that country."

"Are you not a Catholic?" I enquired.

"No sir, I am not ; and if I were I should not think it fair to go to work like that. It is simply a mean way of begging. These people do not know one stamp from another, and do not care to know. They only look for quantity, and sell stamps of all values by the gross, to gain a few francs for some Church or School. The Japanese appear to be ardent collectors, and it is among them that their market chiefly lies. I suppose you are no longer astonished at the scarcity of old Italians."

"No, indeed," I replied ; "I am only surprised that there are any left at all."

I give the the Professor's solution of an acknowledged mystery for what it is worth, making every allowance for the prejudices of a man who was clearly no lover of priests or priestesses. Nevertheless, I feel bound to say that his opinion is fully justified by my own observation, and by statements received from others. The extreme rarity of old Italian stamps is a fact beyond dispute, and nothing short of a general conflagration or a deluge is sufficent to account for the absurdly small proportion of early Tuscans and Sardinians, which even the most advanced and indefatigable collectors can show. Any other country at a similar date, except perhaps British Guiana, is as a rule better represented. But if it should appear that for the last forty years a wholesale system of practical destruction has been at work, or that a continuous drainage of rare and early issues has diverted all the most valuable specimens into a foreign channel, there can be no difficulty in understanding why the country itself is so marvellously poor in good and genuine examples of its own postal treasures. It is probable that many valuable collections still exist, buried in convents and nunneries, or in the cupboards of some philatelic priest ; but these are not very likely to change hands, partly because they are so little known, and partly by reason of the prohibitive prices which an Italian collector almost invariably demands. Never having travelled, and knowing nothing of any country except his own, he fondly imagines that modern Italy ranks just as highly among the nations for her industries and enterprises as ancient Italy for her works of art. The express train between Rome and Milan, which attains the prodigious speed of thirty miles an hour, is always spoken of with breathless wonder as the *Lampo* (Lightning), and is soberly believed to be the fastest train in the world. The same refreshing innocence of ideas about comparative and international progress is everywhere conspicious, and you really would suppose, to hear an Italian talk about his *francobolli*, that the Postage Stamps of most other countries were so many luggage-labels. *(To be continued).*

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No applications this month.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have received a donation of 21 pieces for the C. P. A. Library, from Mr. W. A. DeWolf Smith, New Westminster, B. C., and hereby acknowledge the same with thanks to the doner.

I have prepared my annual report to the Convention, and hope members will peruse it carefully when published next month.

I would urge upon the members to have the library located in either Toronto, Quebec, Montreal or Halifax, wherever the most members are situated.

Yours, J. R. HOOPER.

OTTAWA, *August 3, 1891.*

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Dominion Philatelist:

SIR,—Your information that we can put in members *without* the authorized official blank is certainly *news* to many of the members of the C. P. A. I, as well as others, were under the impression that the blank was created for a certain purpose, else why were propositions refused that were not signed by references, as has been the case, when sent separately. The following I have just received from Mr. Hartley, Montreal:

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THIS number is much smaller than usual owing to the editor being away on his holidays. He intends visiting a number of the stamp centres of this continent and will also attend the A. P. A. Convention in New York.

THE July number of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britian* has for a front piece *fac similes* of the recent Sydney view forgeries ; also *fac similes* of the genuine stamps ; by comparison it is easy to distinguish between the two.

WE have received No. 4 of "Jewett's Philatelic Library," entitled "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp dealer," by E. P. Newcomer. It is very well written indeed, and while pleasant reading we do not consider it valuable from a philatelic standpoint.

MR. W. W. JEWETT informs us that he has purchased Mr. F. W. Pickard's interest in the *Philatelic Era*, and that he intends to enlarge and improve the same, making it the largest and best in the New England States. The next number will be issued Sept. 15th.

MR. W. C. STONE, of Springfield, Mass., writes as follows :—"The Revenue Stamps, which Geo. D. Hartly asks about in your July number (pages 6 and 7) are English, and are used in London, England, the arms being those of the city. The "Mayor's Court" series comprises eight values, 6p., 1s., 2s., 3s., 4s., 4s. 6d., 5s., 9s. 6d. The "Justice Room" set comprizes the 1s., 1s. 6d , 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., 5s., 10s. 6d., 31s. 6d. These are varieties of perforation, etc., in each set. A full list can be found in Moen's or Brown's list, now coming out in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britian.*

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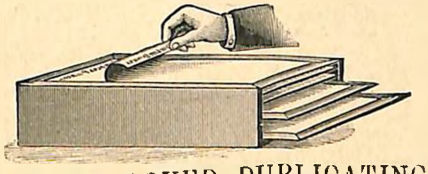

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